

NEXT TO YOU

Houjou KOZ

Saori-chan and I have been together since we were little.

But then we went to different high schools and made different friends.

We gradually spend less and less time together, and ended up not having much to talk about anymore.

But, even so...

SAORI-CHAN, GOOD MORNING.

Every morning, I would secretly wait for Saori-chan so that we could take the same train.

DO YOU HAVE MORNING PRACTICE?

GOOD MORNING KUMI-CHAN. YOU'RE HERE EARLY.

I still wanted to see her.





I wonder, is
this how it
is with
childhood
friends?



I FEEL
LIKE WE'RE
DRIFTING
APART LITTLE
BY LITTLE.



SPLASH



BLUB BLUB...



I'LL
CALL THE
SCHOOL...

OHAYO.

YEAH, I
GUESS.

YOU HAVE A
FEVER, DID
YOU GET THE
CHILLS WHEN
YOU GOT OUT
OF THE BATH?



BUT IT'S
NOT LIKE WE
PROMISED TO
MEET EACH
OTHER IN THE
MORNING



OH.

SHOULD
I CALL
SAORI-
CHAN?



AHH...
IT LOOKS
LIKE YOUR
FEVER HAS
GONE DOWN.
THAT'S A
RELIEF.



SACR-
CHANI

HAHAHA...
YOUR AUNT
TOLD ME YOU
CAUGHT A COLD,
SO I CAME TO
CHECK UP
ON YOU.

WHAT
ABOUT
YOUR DAD?
HE
DIDN'T
FEEL TOO
GOOD.



AHH...
I SLEPT
REALLY
WELL..









WILL YOU
BE... MY
LOVER?



And then,
of course,



We still
didn't have
anything to
talk about,
but...



I realized
that I don't
really mind...



...as long as
I'm holding
her hand.

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